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Subject: Re: E-Filing

Judge Fuerst--

Thank you for your note. As we are all aware, the route to the implementation of E-Filing in this County has not always been a smooth path. Nonetheless, I know all involved parties are excited about utilizing any technological advances that will make our jobs more efficient and more accessible to the public. It was refreshing to hear the unanimous support for moving quickly on this issue at yesterday's Council meeting.

With that being said, I do not understand your assertion that "**We waited for the Executive to appoint a new clerk upon taking office in 2011. After two years of delay, the Executive acted and the new clerk was approved by County Council in 2013.**"

There has always been a Clerk of Courts; Mr. Fuerst was confirmed by Council in 2011 and served until his retirement at the end of 2012. Ms. Rocco was nominated, and confirmed shortly thereafter. To assert, in any fashion, that the implementation of e-filing is in any way, shape or form, related to some sort of delay in the Executive appointment process is patently untrue. I offer no comment on the balance of your note but did not want you or any of the recipients of this note to be left with the impression that this county did not have a Clerk from 2011 until Ms. Rocco's confirmation.

I do not think any stakeholders really desire to discuss the events of the past and, instead, are focusing on moving forward. Thanks.